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SUBJ: POLISH PRESS TREATMENT OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM AND  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

1. SUMMARY: THE POLISH PRESS DEPICTS THE CURRENT WORLD CON-  
FERENCE ON RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT GENEVA  
AS A FORUM WHERE COUNTRIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD HAVE UN-  
LEASHED A BARRAGE OF CRITICISMS AT ALL FORMS OF RACISM AND  
DISCRIMINATION PRACTICED IN SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL, AND THE  
US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS WESTERN  
HYPROCRISY IN POSING AS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS. LITTLE  
MENTION IS MADE OF THE INVOLVEMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF  
THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES IN THE CONFERENCE. THE  
ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE IS ONLY GLANCED AT AS A BASIS  
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FOR US NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE, BUT THAT  
DECISION IS REPORTED TO HAVE DRAWN STRONG COMDEMN-  
ATION BY AMERICAN "POLITICAL ACTIVITIS" INCLUDING  
SEVERAL BLACK CONGRESSMEN. END SUMMARY.

2. POLISH PRESS COVERAGE OF THE CONFERENCE PRO-  
CEEDINGS HAS BEEN BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON REPORTS

BY POLISH NEWS AGENCY (PAP) CORRESPONDENT IN GENEVA  
JERZY WANKOWICZ. WRITING ON AUGUST 20,  
WANKOWICZ LISTED THE MAIN TASKS OF THE CONFERENCE AS  
THE CONDEMNATION OF:  
(A) APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA;  
(B) SUPPORT BY "WESTERN MONPOLIES" FOR THE POLICY OF  
APARTHEID;  
(C) ISRAELI POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ARABS;  
(D) DISCRIMINATION IN THE UNITED STATES AGAINST "BLACKS,  
INDIANS, ASIANS, ESKIMOS, AND OTHER NATIONAL  
MINORITIES";  
(E) EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN WORKERS IN WESTERN EUROPE;  
AND  
(F) "THE BRUTAL LIMITATION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND CRUEL PERSECUTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES  
IN CHINA."

3. WANKOWICZ WROTE AUGUST 23 THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE  
DEBATE "DELEGATION FROM AFRICAN, ARAB, AND SOUTH  
AMERICAN STATES POINTED OUT THAT WHEN IT COMES TO  
MANY WESTERN COUNTRIES, THE DAILY PRACTICE IN  
THEIR COUNTRIES STANDS AS AN OBSTACLE TO CARRYING  
OUT THE DECISION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVEN-  
TIONS CONCERNING THE FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID AND  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION." CITING S. SALIM OF TANZANIA  
AND E. MALANDU OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF ZIMBABWE AS  
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EXAMPLES, WANKOWICZ CONTINUED: "THESE SPEAKERS, LIKE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, SAID THE USA  
AND OTHER WESTERN STATES HAVE NO MORAL RIGHT TO  
DRESS THEMSELVES UP IN THE GARMENTS OF DEFENDERS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS, AND MANY REFUSE TO SUPPORT THE  
STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE  
PEOPLES OF RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND NAMIBIA."  
COMMENT: I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF SALIM SAID ANYTHING AS  
DIRECT AS THAT.

4. WANKOWICZ REPORTS TWO SOVIET STATEMENTS CONDEMNING  
WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES AND A SPEECH BY POLISH  
DELEGATE ANDRZEJ OLSZKOWKA WHICH AFFIRMED POLISH  
SUPPORT FOR THE AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE AND URGED ALL  
COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW THE POLISH EXAMPLE BY RATIFY-  
ING INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PACTS AND

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ELIMINATING ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION PRACTICED  
WITHIN THEIR OWN BOUNDARIES. ASIDE FROM  
THIS, WANKOWICZ HAS SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE ROLE OF  
"SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES IN THE CONFERENCE.

5. WANKOWICZ MENTIONED THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE ONLY  
ONCE, IN AN AUGUST 15 DISPATCH, WRITTEN BEFORE THE  
SOVIET BLOC INITIATIVE ON THE SUBJECT EMERGED. DIS-  
CUSSING WHY THE UNITED STATES, ISRAEL AND SOUTH  
AFRICA ARE THE ONLY THREE COUNTRIES THAT "REFUSED  
TO PARTICIPATE" IN THE CONFERENCE, WANKOWICZ WROTE:  
"THE ABSENCE OF THE U.S. AND ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES  
CONSTITUTES, AS WAS SAID IN GENEVA, AN EXPRESSION  
OF DISAPPROVAL OF THESE STATES FOR THE UN  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF 1975 IN WHICH ZIONISM  
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WAS DEFINED AS A FORM OF RACISM. IT IS NECESSARY,  
HOWEVER, TO ADD THAT THE USA, AND TO AN EVER GREATER  
DEGREE, ISRAEL, BELONG TO THE STATES ESPECIALLY  
ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE RACIST REGIME IN SOUTH

AFRICA."

6. ON AUGUST PAP DISPATCH DATED WASHINGTON, ASSERTED THAT "THE REFUSAL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE WORLD CONGRESS ON RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION HAS PROVOKED THE STRONG CONDEMNATION OF MANY AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTIVIST." PAP REPORTED THAT "MEMBERS OF A BLACK GROUP OF THE US CONGRESS, IN A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER, EMPHASIZED THAT THEY ARE SERIOUSLY DISTURBED BY THIS DECISION AND WANTED THAT THE REFUSAL TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE UNAVOIDABLY RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT CONFIDENCE IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION." PAP ALLEGED THAT "POLITICAL OBSERVERS THIN THAT AT THE BASE OF THE THIS DECISION IS THE FACT THAT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN PRACTICE SUPPORT A POLICY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS NATIONAL MINORITIES, AMONG THEM BLACKS, INDIANS, AND AMERICAN CITIZENS OF LATIN AMERICAN EXTRACTION."

7. NO POLISH EDITORIAL COMMENT IDENTIFIED AS SUCH HAS YET APPEARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE.  
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